

# VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

June 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the Village office at 232 W. Main St. Mayor, Terence Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Jo High  
Brandon Simon  
Adam Barga  
Cindy Goubeaux  
John Grogean  
Absent: Greg Borchers

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Craig Albers, Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering, Kyle Siegrist of Choice One Engineering, and Sheriff's Deputy.

- The minutes of the May 8, 2019 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by High, and seconded by Grogean to approve the meeting minutes. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Barga to approve the bills as presented. All yea, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Simon and seconded by High to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All yea, motion passed.

### Finance

Voisard explained that each year Council must decide whether to increase the Street Light Assessment. Current amounts assessed are:

Residential Rate	\$75.94
Commercial Rate	\$125.74
Industrial Rate	\$167.66
Other Rate	\$845.34

These amounts are billed as special assessments on Property tax bills. Voisard explained that in the past, this rate had increased if there was not enough money generated to pay utility bills and repairs. However, since LED lights have been installed, the amount generated has been adequate to cover all expenses.

Council agreed that the rates would be continued at the same amounts.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Grogean, and seconded by Goubeaux. All yea, motion passed. High moved and Barga seconded the motion approving **Ordinance 19-08 Setting the annual lighting assessment on all lots located within the Village, and declaring the same to be an emergency.** All yea, motion passed.

Voisard explained the Ohio Legislature recently passed a 10.5cent gasoline tax increase to be effective July 1, 2019. The new tax is estimated to generate approximately \$18,000 annually for the Village to use for street upkeep and repairs.

### Police

Shelby County Sheriff's Deputy gave the Law Enforcement report for the previous month. He said that activity was routine.

### 2019 Paving

Shappie said the paving project will probably start in mid June to mid July. Barga asked what would be done with the grindings. Shappie said that it hasn't been decided.

## Recycling

Simon moved and Barga seconded the motion to approve an Amendment to the Solid Waste Contract extending the length of the contract with North Central Ohio Solid Waste Management District. The term of the contract will be March 1, 2017 through February 29, 2024. All yea, motion passed.

The date of the change-over to rolling carts has been extended to August 1, 2016.

## Miscellaneous

Shappie said that the drinking fountain at the Veteran's Memorial park was damaged in an accident. It will need to be removed and replaced. The old one will be repaired if possible for use at the park. The Park Board wants to purchase one also.

Shappie said that the Park Board is moving forward with the improvements at diamond 3. The new bleachers will be purchased and installed by the park board. He asked if Council was still in agreement with installing the windbreak behind the bleachers. The cost is approximately \$20,000. Council agreed to move ahead with the project, which had been included in the 5-year plan for 2019.

Groegan moved and Simon seconded **Resolution 19-6-12 in support of the Board of Shelby County Commissioners creating, in collaboration with the Townships, Villages and City of Sidney, the Shelby County Complete Count Committee so that all residents of Shelby County may be educated about the importance of the Decennial Census and to facilitate a complete count of every individual in the community.** All yea, motion passed.

Shappie said that the owners of Buschur's Market are planning to reseal and stripe their parking lot soon. He said they asked if the Village would help financially with the project. They said they had an estimate of approximately \$6,000. After discussing, Council members agreed that the parking lot was used as a Village parking lot, rather than just parking for the grocery. High moved and Barga seconded the motion to cover the full cost of sealing and striping the parking lot. All yea, motion passed.

Shappie said that Bohman Trucking would like to purchase 150 feet to the East, and 120 feet to the south of their existing property (between 2.5 and 3 acres) for additional parking for their business. Shappie said that it may be more difficult to rent the remaining 7 to 7.5 acres for farming, as it would be a small parcel. After discussing, Council agreed to offer for sale the property requested at \$10,000 per acre, with Bohman Trucking paying any costs incurred for the transfer of the land, and costs of detachment from the Village. It was decided that the sale would not take place until after crops are harvested.

Goubeaux moved and High seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Mary Jo High \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard \_\_\_\_\_